CLAIMS

I Claim:

1. A batten for connecting to a plurality of lift lines to suspend a load from the batten comprising:

(a) an integral elongate batten body, the batten body having a cross-section defined by a pair of spaced channel forming segments, each channel forming segment including a curvilinear length and a channel flange, a bottom end segment, and a vertical linear segment intermediate each channel forming segment and the bottom end segment.

2. The batten of Claim 1, further comprising an internal strut extending between the vertical linear segments.

3. The batten of Claim 1, further comprising a linear internal strut extending between the vertical linear segments.

4. The batten of Claim 1, wherein the lower curvilinear end segment defines a lower channel.

5. A batten for connecting to a plurality of lift lines to suspend a load from the batten, the batten comprising:

(a) a batten body having a cross section at least partially defined by a non-curvilinear peripheral wall, the batten body having a greater resistance to deflection than a 1.5 inch schedule 40 steel pipe.

6. A batten assembly for connecting to a plurality of lift lines to suspend a load from the batten, the batten comprising:

(a) An elongate batten body having a cross section defined by both linear segments and curvilinear segments, the cross section including channel forming flanges extending along a length of the body; and

(b) A lift line clamp slideably received in the channel, the lift line clamp including a flange engaging leg for engaging each of the channel forming flanges.

7. A batten for connecting to a plurality of lift liens to suspend a load from the batten, the batten comprising:

(a) an elongate extruded monolithic batten body, the batten body having a cross section including a pair of spaced channel forming flanges extending along a longitudinal dimension of the batten body.

8. The batten of Claim 7, wherein the cross section includes both linear segments and curvilinear segments.